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The Food and Drug Administration  
Department of Health and Human Services, Rm. 1-23  
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Re: 99P-1340/CP 1  
Petition to Have Eternity eau de parfum misbranded

Dear Sir or Madam:

In May 1999, the Environmental Health Network (EHN) submitted the above petition to have Calvin Klein's Eternity eau de parfum declared misbranded. I am writing to express my support for this petition and request that the FDA give it careful attention with regard to your regulations 21CFR Sec. 740.1, 21CFR Sec. 740.2, and 21CFR Sec. 740.10. Regulation 21CFR Sec. 740.10 specifically states:

"Each ingredient used in a cosmetic product and each finished cosmetic product shall be adequately substantiated for safety prior to marketing. Any such ingredient or product whose safety is not adequately substantiated prior to marketing is misbranded unless it contains the following conspicuous statement on the principal display panel: "Warning--The safety of this product has not been determined.""

As shown in the petition, Eternity contains toxic ingredients and ingredients whose safety has not been substantiated. There is no warning label on its packaging. Most people are not aware that most fragrance materials have only limited safety testing. Food has had ingredient labelling required for years; it is high time the fragrance industry was similarly regulated.

Like tobacco smoke, the harmful chemicals currently used in these products may affect the health of many people, including those with asthma, chemical sensitivities, chronic fatigue, and other conditions. When I am exposed to fragrance products such as Eternity, I experience headaches, dizziness, confusion, lung tightness and breathing difficulties.

Please act on behalf of the millions of people who have suffered physical illness and injury resulting from fragrance exposure and to help protect many more from being harmed in the future. Thank you.

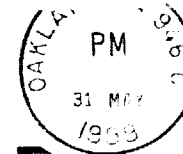
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